

Subject: commemorative half dollars--
collecting of

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NEW JERSEY

- American Numismatic Society,

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156 th St. & Broadway,

- New York City.

Dear Sir,-

Wife and I have been interested in collecting the commemorative half dollars. Contacts with some of the distributing agencies have been difficult. Some refuse to reply without receiving a stamped addressed envelope. Our information for some of these have been late.

We have been rather annoyed-- to put it mildly--at the great frequency of the Oregon Trail & Boone coins, Seems to us like too many coins for one celebration.

Information as to how you could help us under such a set up with earlier information &C or why the many different all alike coins as above stated will be appreciated,

Very truly yours, *S. F. Wade*

July 21, 1936

Dr. S. F. Wade,
555 Newark Avenue,
Elizabeth, N. J.

Dear Doctor Wade:

The problem of getting advantageously various Commemorative half dollars as they come out is somewhat difficult. Especially in recent years it has become almost a racket. There are some 20 bills before Congress, most of which have passed and have been signed by the President.

There will shortly be issued a Wisconsin Centennial Half Dollar. By writing to the Wisconsin Centennial Coin Committee, John Callahan, State Superintendent, Chairman, Madison, Wisconsin, enclosing \$1.50 plus postage, you probably can obtain this one.

The Delaware Swedish Tercentenary Commission, Equitable Trust Company, Wilmington, Delaware, will shortly issue one at \$1.75. I think this covers postage.

The Columbia Sesqui-Centennial Celebration Committee, Columbus, S.C., is preparing to issue one. The price and the details are not yet available but you should write them to be on their books.

The Elgin Centennial Monumental Committee of Elgin, Ill. will shortly issue one. For this you should write to L. W. Hoffecker, Distributor, Elgin Centennial Coin, P.O. Box 75, El Paso, Texo. He is handling this for them. The price is \$1.50 plus 10¢ postage. I am enclosing an application form for this.

The Cleveland Centennial Coin Association will shortly issue one for \$1.50 plus the postage. The Cincinnati Musical Center Commemorative Coin Association will issue these from three mints - therefore there will be three pieces here. I have forgotten the price of these, but orders for both the Cleveland and Cincinnati should be sent to Thos. G. Melish, Cincinnati Musical Center Commemorative Coin Association, 312 United Bank Bldg., Cincinnati, Ohio, who is handling both issues. You may not possibly get the Cincinnati ones as the issue is very limited.

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Dr. S. F. Wade,
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The Long Island Tercentenary Committee will before long issue a half dollar and application blank is enclosed herewith.

The San Diego Exposition have just issued a new one bearing the date 1936. As over 100,000 of these were issued it should not be difficult to get these from any dealer.

There presumeably will be other Oregon Trails in future years unless the Government puts a stop to them. To get these you should be on the list of the Scott Stamp and Coin Co., 1 West 47th St., New York City, for future issues.

In Bridgeport you should write Chas. H. Hurliman, at the First National Bank and Trust Co., Bridgeport.

New Rochelle is contemplating one. For that, write P. M. Shipton, Box 202, New Rochelle, N. Y.

There are a number of others, but as yet I have not gotten the prices or complete information.

Very truly yours,

Curator

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